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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Received and referred to the Committee on Environment and Public Works

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## CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

Recognizing the 50th Anniversary of the Interstate Highway System.

Whereas on June 29, 1956, President Dwight D. Eisenhower signed the Federal-Aid Highway Act of 1956 to establish a 41,000-mile National System of Interstate and Defense Highways, known as the “Interstate Highway System”, and the Highway Revenue Act of 1956 to create a Highway Trust Fund;

Whereas in 1990, the National System of Interstate and Defense Highways was renamed the “Dwight D. Eisenhower National System of Interstate and Defense Highways” to recognize President Eisenhower’s role in the creation of the system;

Whereas in 2006, this web of superhighways, now spanning a total of 46,876 miles throughout the United States, has had a powerful and positive impact on our national life;

Whereas the Interstate Highway System has proven vital in transporting people and goods from one region to another speedily and safely;

Whereas the Interstate Highway System has facilitated trade both within our national borders and globally and helped create unprecedented economic expansion and opportunities for millions of Americans;

Whereas the Interstate Highway System has brought diverse communities throughout our land closer together and kept us connected to one another as well as the larger world;

Whereas the Interstate Highway System has made it easier and often more enjoyable to travel to long-distance destinations and spend time with family members and friends who live far away;

Whereas the Interstate Highway System is a pivotal component in our national system of defense and emergency preparedness efforts;

Whereas the Interstate Highway System remains one of our country’s paramount assets as well as a symbol of human ingenuity and freedom; and

Whereas this anniversary provides an occasion to both honor one of the largest public works achievements of all time

and reflect on how it can remain effective in the years ahead: Now, therefore, be it

1        *Resolved by the House of Representatives (the Senate*  
2 *concurring)*, That Congress—

3            (1) recognizes the golden anniversary year of  
4        the Dwight D. Eisenhower National System of Inter-  
5        state and Defense Highways;

6            (2) recognizes the achievements of the Federal  
7        Highway Administration (and its predecessor, the  
8        Bureau of Public Roads), the State departments of  
9        transportation, and the highway construction indus-  
10       try, including contractors, designers, engineers, la-  
11       borers, materials producers, and equipment compa-  
12       nies, for their contributions to the construction of  
13       the Interstate Highway System and the quality of  
14       life of the citizens of the United States; and

15           (3) encourages citizens, communities, govern-  
16        ment agencies, and other organizations to promote  
17        and participate in celebratory and educational activi-  
18        ties marking this uniquely important and historic  
19        milestone.

Passed the House of Representatives June 13, 2006.

Attest:

KAREN L. HAAS,

*Clerk.*